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Subject: RE: Ag Park Update

- Maryam

Thanks for keeping our team informed. The Senator is on his way down to the district and I'm certain that there will be calls of inquiry on the status of this recent development. We will certainly keep you abreast of any additional background he made need.

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From: Tasnif-abbasi, Maryam@DTSC [mailto:Maryam.Tasnif-abbasi@dtsc.ca.gov]
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FYI -- The City of Riverside has kindly sent their field notes from Tuesday evening's incident.

From: Lopez, Moises
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Bailey, Rusty; Gardner, Mike; Melendrez, Andy; Soubirous, Mike; Davis, Paul; MacArthur, Chris; Perry, Jim; Burnard, John
Cc: Russo, John A.; Zelinka, Al (azelinka@riversideca.gov); Marysheva-Martinez, Marianna; Nguyen, Alexander; Martinez, Kris; Steuer, Mark; Pitchford, Phil
Subject: Ag Park Update

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

On June 28, 2016, the City Manager's Office received a call from Marilyn Whitney regarding a black "sludge" observed during work being conducted at Ag Park. Currently, the on-site work (by the Developer) involves the installation of erosion/sediment control measures in compliance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) per the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The black "sludge" material was noted by a resident while the Developer was performing minor grading associated with the installation of three desilting basins located in the far north end of Ag Park. City Engineer Mark Steuer promptly visited the site in the late afternoon to visually assess the situation. Upon arrival, Mr. Steuer encountered and spoke with Battalion Chief Jeff DeLaurie (Riverside Fire Department), Ms. Whitney and Bob Beers (Developer). Ms. Whitney verified that black "sludge" was observed by resident Bob Gano ("Pastor Bob") within Ag Park earlier during the day. Chief DeLaurie indicated that his staff visually inspected the area of concern (i.e. at the location of the constructed desilting basins) and found no indication of contaminated hazardous materials or anything that resembled black "sludge." Mr. Steuer then proceeded to walk the site with Mr. Beers and inspect the area surrounding and including the constructed desilting basins. Mr. Steuer also verified no evidence of contaminated hazardous materials at the location of concern. It appears what was mistaken for black "sludge" was most likely decomposed, wet organic material (i.e. vegetation) removed for the proper installation of the desilting basins.

Following the visual inspection, Mr. Steuer was informed by Mr. Beers of the following tentative schedule of near-term planned activities:

- (1) Installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) per approved SWPPP is complete;
- (2) Tumbleweed removal by Developer will be complete near the end of this week;
- (3) The Air Monitoring Plan may be approved by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) within one week (the Air Monitoring Plan was prepared by Developer); and
- (4) If the Air Monitoring Plan is approved, contaminated soil remediation activities will begin in approximately two weeks pending direction from DTSC.

Mr. Steuer, along with Mr. Beers and Battalion Chief DeLaurie, were interviewed by Cassie MacDuff of The Press-Enterprise who was present at the site. Ms. MacDuff asked several questions regarding the nature of the current incident that occurred and also the overall status of the remediation being conducted by the Developer. She was informed that the current incident turned out to be a false alarm. In addition, Ms. MacDuff was briefed on the schedule of planned activities noted above and was told the remediation activities are being overseen and directed by the DTSC (not the City).

Lastly, Mr. Steuer spent time speaking with several residents on Rutland Avenue who were very concerned with the heavy traffic at the intersection of Rutland and Jurupa Avenues. Mr. Steuer has informed the City Traffic Engineer of the issues and will investigate potential measures to better control/calm traffic at the subject intersection.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Moises

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As a follow up to the update email from last night, DTSC has communicated with the City of Riverside City Engineer. He has confirmed that there was no evidence of sludge during the inspection. He will be developing a report detailing his observations and findings. Once the report is made available, we will share it for anyone who would like to have more information regarding this matter.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 28, 2016, at 9:10 PM, Tasnif-abbasi, Maryam@DTSC <Maryam.Tasnif-abbasi@dtsc.ca.gov> wrote:

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> Good evening!

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> DTSC was notified this evening that the City of Riverside Fire Department hazardous response unit was summoned to the Riverside Agricultural Park site (Site) in response to an allegation from a community resident(s) that the developer was covering up sewage sludge on the Site. The incident occurred about 5:30 p.m. this evening. Cassie McDuff, an associate of the Press Enterprise was also contacted, and was reported to be present during this time. Based on the available information, the allegation was that the developer was covering sewage sludge when constructing sediment basins which are being installed under the direction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. It is our understanding at this time that the fire department did not find any evidence of sludge. We have reached out to the City to get an accurate account of the circumstances. We will provide an update once we have had a chance to connect with the City.

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> Thank you.

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